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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION STATE INFO ADDIS ABABA, BUJUMBURA, LISBON, PRETORIA, LUANDA, LOURENCO MARGUES, AND LAGOS FROM USUN JUNE 27, REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 2403

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UN, XA
SUBJ: NEWSOM MEETING WITH WALDHEIM

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM, JOINED BY SCHAUFELE, MET WITH SYG JUNE 26. FOLLOWING MATTERS DISCUSSED:

2. BURUNDI: AS NEWSOM WAS ENTERING WALDHEIM'S OFFICE, BURUNDI AMBASSADOR NDABANIWE WAS LEAVING. ACCORDING TO SYG, NDABANIWE HAD COME TO DISCUSS EXTERNAL "PRESSURE" WHICH HE FELT WAS BEING APPLIED AT UN AND OAU TO RESOLVE BURUNDI MATTER. WALDHEIM RELATED THAT HE HAD TOLD NDABANIWE THAT HE, SYG, WAS NOT SUBJECT TO "PRESSURE." NEWSOM DISCRIBED BURUNDI AS A MAJOR AFRICAN PROBLEM WITH OUR DEEP INTEREST AND ACTIVITY OCCASIONED
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IN PART BY AF SILENCE. WALDHEIM SAID THAT HIS BEST INFO CHARACTER-

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IZED CURRENT SITUATION IN BURUNDI AS CALM. UNDER SEC MORESE IS TRAV-
ELING JUNE 27 TO ADDIS ABABA TO SEE EKANGAKI AND TO LAGOS TO SEE
GOWON CONCERNING BURUNDI. MORSE IS ALSO APPLYING FOR BURUNDI VISA.

3. NAMIBIA: WALDHEIM SAID THAT ONE SHOULD NOT "OVERESTIMATE"
SIGNIFICANCE OF OAU RECOMMENDATION TO TERMINATE HIS CONTACTS.
HE BELIEVES, BASED ON SUPPORT FROM EVEN RADICAL AF'S, THAT SOME
FORMULA MIGHT BE REACHED WHEREBY HIS MANDATE ONLY WOULD BE
SUSPENDED, TO BE RESUMED BY SYG IF SOUTH AFRICANS CLEARLY
SIGNALLED INTENTION TO TALK SERIOUSLY. WALDHEIM SAID HE
WAS "DISAPPOINTED" WITH SOUTH AFRICAN TONE SINCE HIS INITIAL
CONTACTS, BLAMING DOMESTIC SA PRESSURES WHICH CAME TO BEAR.
SYG BELIEVES THERE NEVERTHELESS IS SOME BASIS FOR PROGRESS. IN REPLY
TO NEWSOM'S QUESTION AS TO WHAT SYG FELT US POSTURE SHOULD BE,
WALDHEIM SAID THAT USG SHOULD TRY TO PREVAIL ON SAG TO MAKE CON-
CESSIONS. WALDHEIM CONFIRMED THAT NAMIBIA SC DEBATE WILL TAKE PLACE
IN SEPTEMBER (USUN 2347 NOTAL).

4. PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES: NEWSOM DESCRIBED HIS TALKS IN LISBON
AND OBSERVED THAT WHILE IT IS "DIFFICULT TO SEE MUCH LIGHT IN THE
TUNNEL", GOP WILLING TO TALK TO AF'S. NEWSOM CITED
DELETION FROM OAU SUMMIT OF RES ON PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES OF
PARAGRAPH STATING ARMED STRUGGLE AS ONLY SOLUTION. WALDHEIM
COMMENTED THAT A NUMBER OF AFJS WANTED DIALOGUE, BUT REFUSED
TO SPEAK OUT. FUTHER, THAT GOP INVITATION TO SYG TO SEE
TERRITORIES WAS PREJUDICED IN THAT LISBON ASKED HIM TO COME
IN ORDER TO "SEE THAT ALLEGATIONS ARE UNTRUE." WALDHEIM
BELIEVES THAT WHILE PORTUGAL NOT READY DEAL WITH LIBER-
ATION MOVEMENTS, SHE WILL SIT DOWN WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.
NEWSOM ADDED THAT HE BELIEVED PORTUGAL ALSO READY TALK WITH OAU.
WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD TRIED TO ENCOURAGE PORTUGAL INTO CONSIDERING
FRENCH OR UK-TYPE FORMULA FOR DECOLONIZATION, BUT HAD NOT
BEEN SUCCESSFUL. NEWSOM OBSERVED THAT PORTUGUESE UNDERSTANDING
OF AFRICA WAS "INCOMPLETE" AND THAT SYG, AMONG OTHERS, COULD
CONVEY AFRICAN "REALITIES" TO GOP. WALDHEIM SAID THAT SUCH TALKS
IN VARIOUS CAPITALS ALSO MIGHT BE FRUITFUL.
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